THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No reports of shortage of DPI DPT, DT, BCG, Polio, Typhoid and Measles vaccine in the country have been received.

The State Drugs Controllers generally submit the monthly reports regarding the supply position of drugs in their respective States to the Ministry of Industry, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals which monitors the supply position of drugs in the country.

(c) DPT, DT, BCG and Typhoid vaccines are manufactured indigenously and are not being imported. Oral Polio vaccine & Measles vaccine are being regularly imported.

(d) The vaccines required under Expanded Programme of Immunisation have been recommended by the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Industry for inclusion in Category I of the Drugs Price Control Order. The recommendation has been reiterated.

(e) Except Polymixin B Sulphate, Demethylchorotetracycline and Pseudoephadrine, rest of the drugs are included in the Category II of the Drugs Price Control Order.

The Ministry of Industry had set up a committee on Category II drugs which gave exclusion criteria for non-inclusion of drugs in Category-II.

Medicines for STD Trachoma and Control of Blindness

4225. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1717 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the antibiotics which are neither in category I nor in category II of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether any of these is used for STD, Trachoma and control of blindness;

(c) the names of antibiotics used for STD and the names of those recommended for price control, and by when the remaining would be recommended;

(d) in what manner the interest of the programme and of the public would be protected if the prices of such producers are decontrolled;

(e) what were their price, fixed under DPCO, 1979 and what are their present prices; and

(f) whether it was the responsibility of his Ministry to draw up a list of drugs required for National Health Programmes, independent of what happens to category II, for which a separate committee has been set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) It is not possible to list out all antibiotics as they proliferate due to new discovery.

(b) to (d) Drugs for STD included in Category II are now being evaluated by the Ministry of Health for price control recommendation under Category-I. Drugs for Trachoma and Control of Blidness are given in category I of the Drug Prices Control Order.

(e) Price fixation of drugs and formulation is carried out by Bureau of Industrial Cost and Pricing under the Ministry of Industry.

(f) While recommending drugs for Category I, the overall objective of the New Drug Policy was kept in mind by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Drugs required for the National Health Programme

4226. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Qutstion 1911 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the Hydrocortisons ointments used for Trachoma Control Programme;